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Community Notice

Flu shots now available to all Craven patients

Flu vaccinations are now available for all TRICARE Prime patients enrolled at Craven Army Health Clinic, officials announced recently.

Shots will be given at the immunization clinic during normal duty hours (7:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m.) on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Arrangements are being made to vaccinate active duty Soldiers separately. The clinic is not yet authorized to vaccinate DoD civilians

If you have questions about the flu program, call Chris Swink at 314-8044.



Photo by Patricia Radcliffe

Wreaths went up along Ingalls Road Monday with the help of Mark Copeland of Griffin Services. Griffin Services employees also decorated post headquarters, the Fitness Center and Cannon Park for last night's tree-lighting ceremony.

Chamberlin sold!

Local firm clinches retirement community deal

BY PATRICK BUFFETT

CASEMATE STAFF WRITER

Members of the Fort Monroe community will soon witness one of the most ambitious renovation and construction projects in the Chamberlin Hotel's 76-year history.

Local real estate management firm Drucker & Falk, LLC, formed an investment group named OPC Hampton, and on Tuesday that entity closed on the purchase of the Chamberlin, thus ending the facility's 17-month stay in bankruptcy court. Combined with a long-term land lease agreement with the military, which was signed Monday, the deal means the investment firm can move forward with its plan to convert the hotel complex into a retirement community with emphasis on retired military.

At a cost of roughly \$49 million, OPC is planning to create 128 luxury apartments in the hotel and another 74 units in a separate apartment tower/parking garage complex to be built on a currently vacant parking lot

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Robert Lippard

Director of Senior Living, Drucker & Falk

next to the facility, according to Robert Lippard, Drucker & Falk's Director of Senior Living. The apartment tower will be six stories high, sitting atop a three-level garage.

"We're also going to restore the exterior of the hotel, and many of the features within, that will make it look like it did back in its heyday," Lippard said. "That part of the project is every bit as exciting as developing the new senior living community itself."

The renovation and construction work is projected to begin this coming summer, and will take about 20 months to complete, according to Lip-

pard. Residents should begin moving in during the spring of 2007.

"While the Chamberlin Hotel has always been privately owned and operated, its location within the heart of Fort Monroe makes it an important part of our community," said Col. Perry D. Allmendinger, garrison commander, in response to the proposed project. "I think this is exciting not only from a historical preservation standpoint, but also its promise of bringing new neighbors to our installation. I view this as a sign of growth and new opportunity."

Emphasizing Fort Monroe's role in the approval process for the new 50-year ground lease, Lt. Col. Craig Simoneau, post Director of Public Works/Logistics, said operational and force protection factors were carefully considered before the okay was given for the facility.

"The plan ensures the continued viability and preservation of a significant facility located on the historic

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“One way we can prepare our hearts for Christmas ... is to strive to focus on the spiritual aspect of the season.”

The Game Plan

One of the best pro football coaches the NFL has ever known is Don Shula ... or at least that's my humble opinion.

He is a man I have always admired. A true professional in his field. He was my Dolphins' coach for 26 years. Seven years before that (he was) with the Baltimore Colts. Don Shula was a great coach and a winner for many different reasons:

1. He had great assistant coaches working for him.
2. He had a knack for coaching — an innate ability to lead others and get the best out of his players.
3. He had a supportive owner, Joe Robby, in Miami all those years.

But one aspect of his coaching that stood out was his ability to have a great “game plan” so that his Dolphins would be as ready as possible for the opposing team each week.

He was often criticized

Chaplain's Corner



Maj. Barry M. White
IMA Northeast Region Chaplain

for not being flexible enough to change the game plan in the middle of the game if things weren't going well. And, what was the outcome of that inflexibility? He is the winningest coach in NFL history and is immortalized in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

He had 33 years as a head coach with a total of 347 wins, 173 losses and six

ties. The Miami Dolphins made five Super Bowl appearances, and in 1972 they were undefeated. (That was) the only undefeated season in NFL history. I would say that sticking to the “game plan” worked!

So, what can we learn from Mr. Shula?

Well, another name for a game plan is preparation. It is very important to be prepared in the many events we experience in life. A few examples of these events for which we must be prepared are marriage, jobs/promotions, vacations, buying a house, planning for retirement and PCSing. We will not be successful in any of these events unless we have prepared properly.

Advent is the Christian season leading up to Christmas that begins with the fourth Sunday before Christmas. One of the themes of Advent is preparation. This theme refers to the preparation of our hearts and our lives in

response to God and His gift to us at Christmas.

As we hurriedly prepare for the Christmas morning onslaught of children and gift-giving, getting up entirely too early, mass hysteria under the Christmas tree, a sea of torn and mutilated wrapping paper and Christmas dinner with family, we sometimes forget about the preparation of the heart in response to God's gift to us.

One way we can prepare our hearts for Christmas during the Advent season is to strive to focus on the spiritual aspect of the season. We can use an Advent Wreath with daily devotionals in our homes or attend Christmas plays and concerts in our Chapel or at local churches. We might watch Christmas specials on television or rent a good Christmas movie to watch at home like “It's a Wonderful Life.”

One of the best ways to prepare our heart for

Christmas during Advent is to attend worship services regularly and especially the Christmas Eve candlelight services that are provided at our Chapel of the Centurion and St. Mary's Catholic Church at Fort Monroe or at our local churches.

Preparation is so important in the life of a faith-based person. Without preparation we are bound to be out of sync with God and maybe not even in touch with Him. As much as Don Shula needed a game plan before each Sunday, we need a game plan to keep Christmas as it was intended. Advent is the time to prepare ourselves for the celebration of the birth of Christ and to put it all into perspective.

Are you prepared? Do you have a game plan? May the Advent season provide you with all the preparation that you need to experience Christmas like you've never experienced it before.

“Everything they needed to know about us ... was readily available.”

Common data contributes to 9-11 attack

Hijackers on American Airlines flights 11 and 77 and United Airlines flights 93 and 175 — planes that were flown into New York's twin towers and the Pentagon and crashed into the ground in Shankville, Penn. — did not access classified information to accomplish their evil deeds.

“Everything they needed to know about us — our habits and so forth — was readily available,” said Jim Wright, a security specialist with the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security.

OPSEC ... Operations security ... the practice of protecting sensitive and

classified information isn't new or an obscure concept; yet its importance must be reiterated from time to time, according to Wright.

Community Spotlight

By Patricia Radcliffe
Casemate Staff Writer

In many instances, sensitive information is still easily obtained; that is, if OPSEC is not observed.

“When we are in an operating environment every day, what we should do is put ourselves in our adversary's position. For example, (we should ask) what

harm would this information do if it got out and was collected by a foreign service or whoever wanted it? If they could put it together (bits and pieces of information), what adverse effect would it have on my working environment?” Wright said.

He also noted that our adversaries are not only foreign but can be “homegrown nuts,” pranksters or even disgruntled employees.

Essential elements of friendly information — anything in an organization that if put together, gives a picture of its mission, how it operates and what it does — should be closely guarded.

He said that things like unit rosters, social security

numbers and unit strength information need to be properly secured and then destroyed when no longer useful. Even simple telephone directories can be excellent sources of information about an activity.

Ensuring unclassified information is not put in trashcans, on bulletin boards, or in e-mails is an easy, yet vital, OPSEC precaution as well.

“Everybody is generally aware of what OPSEC is. I just want people to be vigilant and aware of what's around them and that information they may put out there could be valuable to somebody else,” Wright said.

Fort Monroe community

members who have questions about OPSEC or proper procedures for protecting different types of information can contact Wright at 788-2851. To report suspicious activity, to include any attempts by strangers to obtain information about personnel, security procedures, classified information, etc., contact the military police desk at 788-2238 or 2239.

Compromise of EEFI or classified information did not bring the planes down on 9-11; clever use of generally available data did.

How much harm could be done if information that should be closely guarded is divulged?

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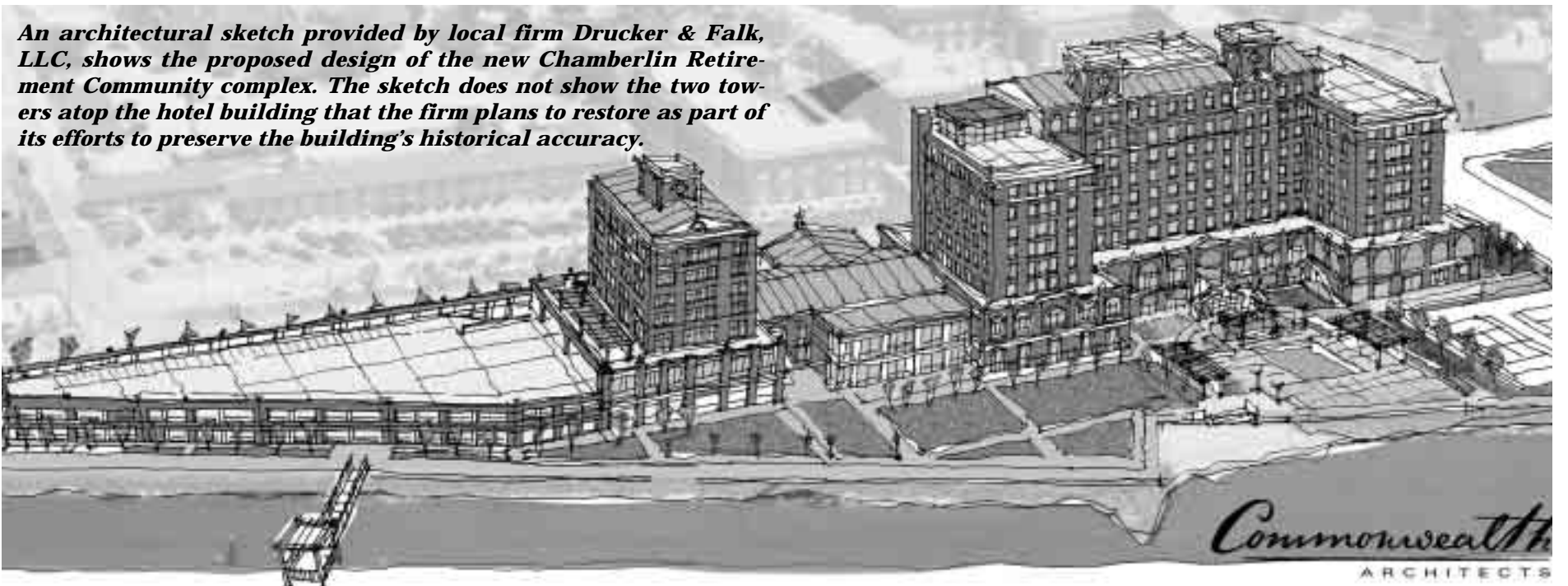
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An architectural sketch provided by local firm Drucker & Falk, LLC, shows the proposed design of the new Chamberlin Retirement Community complex. The sketch does not show the two towers atop the hotel building that the firm plans to restore as part of its efforts to preserve the building's historical accuracy.



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landmark of Fort Monroe," Simoneau said. The Chamberlin traces its roots back to the first hotel built on the site in 1896. A massive fire gutted the building 24 years later, and the current building was erected in 1928.

"The installation will also gain use of one level of the new parking garage, which will definitely benefit Monroe employees who work in that area," Simoneau added. "Furthermore, the emphasis on retired military living in the renovated facility fits our force protection efforts better than a hotel operation where a wider range of guests would be entering the installation."

The State Division of Historic Resources and the Norfolk District of the Army Corps of Engineers also participated in the land-lease agreement. The Army Corps' Chief of Real Estate Dillard Horton said the new lease "results in a win-win situation for the U.S. Army, the developer and the Hampton Roads community."

Offering additional details about the planned retirement community, Lippard said the new apartments would range in size from 800 to 1,300 square feet, with monthly rent estimated between \$3,300 and \$4,500, respectively. Rental fees would include all utilities and a variety of amenities such as fine dining, linen service and public transportation.

A 34-unit assisted living facility is planned for the first two levels of the new apartment tower.

Sentara Healthcare will manage the facility, and, over time, will provide enough staff through its home healthcare organization to allow residents to "age in place" in their apartment homes — a much-desired option among today's retirement communities, Lippard explained.

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Lt. Col. Craig Simoneau

Post Director of Public Works/Logistics

"One of the reasons we're convinced this community will be a success is the opportunity for residents to age in place with the option of moving into an assisted living facility on the same site," Lippard said. "One of the hardest decisions a senior citizen ever has to make is moving away from their friends and family to enter an assisted living facility. We're offering it in the same complex."

While the assisted living facility will be open to the general public, Lippard noted, residents of the retirement community will have "first right of access" when they need it.

Another strong prospect for success of the project is found in the Chamberlin's commanding view of the Chesapeake Bay, according to Lippard. Citing data gathered during a yearlong consumer study that began in the summer of 2003, he said the project's attractiveness was "strongly rooted" in the location — not only on the bay, but also within the Tidewater area. Focus groups were also enticed by the idea of residing in a historic landmark. Cost and services provided were also among the considerations.

Future residents will definitely be getting their money's worth when it comes to the Chamberlin's 1920's-era charm. The main lobby on the second floor of the complex will be restored to its original state, Lippard said, with the only significant new addition being an improved kitchen facility to provide upscale meals in the existing dining room. Other areas off the lobby will be used for group activities and meeting spaces. A coffee/baked goods kiosk, convenience store and a business/technology center are also planned lobby attractions for residents.

The upper floors of the Chamberlin will also maintain their ancestral glitz, Lippard noted. Decorative hotel doors and sills are to remain intact. "When a resident steps out of that elevator, he will step back in time," he added. "Our goal is to maintain that original charm that many of our potential residents experienced years ago."

Perhaps the crowning glory of the Chamberlin project will be the planned restoration of two observation towers that were part of the original structure until they were lopped off during World War II as a security measure.

"The plan is to provide access to spaces immediately beneath the towers from a few of the apartments on the eighth floor," Lippard said. "That view is going to be spectacular."

Lippard noted that Drucker & Falk's interest in restoring the building is driven by far more than simply the financial rewards. The company — established in the 1930s — literally grew up during the same era as the Chamberlin.

"There's a tangible sense of nostalgia among the principals of Drucker & Falk," Lippard said. "Wendy Drucker (executive vice president) learned how to swim in the Chamberlin's indoor pool, and remembers eating Sunday brunch in the dining room. This is about family and preserving an important part of what the Hampton Roads community is all about."

Further updates about the Chamberlin project will appear in future editions of the Casemate.



Photo contributed by the Casemate Museum

An July 1938 photo shows what the Chamberlin looked like back in its heyday. The recently approved OPC Hampton renovation and construction project promises to restore many facets of the building to near-original condition while converting the complex into a retirement community with emphasis on retired military.

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Photo by Petty Officer Sarah Cahill

Brig. Gen. Bruce Davis receives the JTF-CS unit colors from Adm. Timothy Keating during a November change of command.

Brig. Gen. Davis takes Helm of Fort Monroe unit

BY CAPT. KEVIN MCNAMARA
JTF-CS MEDIA RELATIONS OFFICER

U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Bruce Davis recently took the helm as the fourth Joint Task Force Civil Support commander at a ceremony held on Fort Monroe.

Adm. Timothy Keating, Commander, U.S. Northern Command, officiated at the ceremony as the unit guidon was ceremoniously handed over by outgoing commander, Maj. Gen. Jerry Grizzle, and passed on to Davis.

In his remarks, Keating thanked Grizzle for his service at JTF-CS. “Northern Command has leaned heavily on Jerry’s experience and counsel, and we’re a much more capable combatant command for that experience and counsel,” he said. Keating then went on to present Grizzle with the Defense Superior Service Medal.

Welcoming Davis and his family, Keating said, “...he is the right person to carry on the tradition of strong Joint Task Force Civil Support leadership that we’ve seen from Jerry Grizzle. Gen. Davis brings a wealth of experience preparing forces to deploy and conduct operations around the world...and right here at home in support of our civil authority friends.”

Davis comes to JTF-CS from Headquarters, Department of the Army, G-3, at the Pentagon, where he served as Deputy Director of Operations, Readiness and Mobilization. In that position, Davis was responsible for all Title 10 functions associated with Army current operations, force readiness, mobilization, military support to civil authorities, information operations, special operations forces, and anti-terrorism/force protection. He also monitored Army operations worldwide and oversaw National Guard and Reserve integration efforts.

In his inaugural remarks to the unit, Davis said, “Our nation is engaged in a great struggle against those who would destroy much of what we consider the bedrock foundations of this country. We are engaged on many fronts in this struggle, to include our homeland itself.” Davis concluded his remarks by saying that he would “do everything possible to continue the tradition of service that JTF-CS has established in defense of our nation, its people and our heritage.”

In closing, Keating wished Grizzle and his wife “Godspeed.” Welcoming Davis and his family, he said, “Welcome aboard. You have important work to do. Vital work. We all wish you the very best.”

Davis was accompanied by his wife, Dawne, a U.S. Army lieutenant colonel, and their children, as well as other family members.

Local Soldiers earn Audie Murphy Club honors

Two local Soldiers achieved a prestigious honor Nov. 22 when they were inducted into the Army's esteemed Sgt. Audie Murphy Club during a ceremony at the Post Theater.

The inductees are: Staff Sgt. Kathleen Khan and Staff Sgt. Nicole Bookhardt.

Khan, who is the NCOIC of Craven Army Health Clinic here, said membership in the club is an honor. She explained that Soldiers are nominated by their chains of command and must complete about three months of intense study to be considered for membership.

Inductees are examined by two separate boards comprised of sergeants major and tested on "Army Study Guide" information like physical security, force protection, physical fitness and troop leading procedures, Khan added.

"A lot of NCOs don't like to be nominated for anything like this because they may feel like it's too much work having to study and go before boards. It is hard work but you have to look at how it benefits your career in the long run. Plus when your chain of command recognizes you like this it says a lot about you as a Soldier," said the Queens, NY native.

"I encourage NCOs not to shy away if they are nominated because the knowledge and experience you

can gain will make you a better Soldier and you can apply it throughout your life," said Khan.

Bookhardt, who is based at Suffolk's Joint Forces Intelligence Command, said she is "ecstatic" about the appointment and is anxious to begin raising awareness about the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club and its mission.

"It's about leadership. The organization lets us put our heads together — not only with other NCOs but with all ranks — to build on our foundations and grow as leaders," said the Titusville, Fla. native.

Bookhardt said in addition to enhancing her leadership abilities participation in the organization will make a good impression whenever she comes up for promotion.

The new inductees agreed that the club gives members an opportunity to collectively brainstorm and exchange useful ideas. As a result, they are better equipped to motivate their peers and the Soldiers they lead.

The club's namesake, Sgt. Audie Murphy, was the most decorated American combat Soldier of World War II. He received medals for valor from the United States, Belgium and France. Clubs bearing his name were established in 1986.

Sergeants major, first sergeants and/or sergeants first class interest-

ed in recommending NCOs for membership in the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club may contact Khan at kathleen.khan@na.amedd.army.mil or 314-8020.

"We have some outstanding NCOs here on post who would be an asset to the club," Khan said. "By all means ... put in your nominations."



Photo by Matthew Thomas



Pictured above: Staff Sgt. Kathleen Khan, NCOIC of Craven Army Health Clinic, accepts her certificate as an Sgt. Audie Murphy Club inductee from TRADOC Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Williams during a Nov. 22 ceremony at the Post Theater. Pictured left: Staff Sgt. Nicole Bookhardt, Joint Forces Intelligence Command, poses with Post Command Sgt. Maj. David Williams.

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NewsClips

Breaking news: At press time, the Casemate was informed that the Fort Monroe Veterinary Clinic will close Dec. 30. Patrons should retrieve their pet records or they will be automatically transfered to Langley AFB. Look for additional details in the Dec. 17 issue of the Casemate.

BBCC Sunday brunch

Fort Monroe MWR has extended an invitation to community members to join them for Sunday Brunch at the Bay Breeze Community Center on Dec. 12 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Great food and a fantastic view of the Chesapeake Bay are guaranteed.

This is the last brunch for the year and prior to dining room renovations that are scheduled to begin in January. For more information, call 788-2406.

German Christmas Service

There will be a German Christmas service at the Chapel of the Centurion on Dec. 14 at 6 p.m.

CCC welfare funds

The Casemate Community Connection is taking requests for welfare funds for the current operating year. Requesting agencies should contact Nancy Clapsaddle at 722-1201 to receive information and applications. Requests for welfare funds must be postmarked no later than March 1.

Thrift Shop sale

All Thrift Shop property will be on sale through Dec. 14. Customers will find plenty of bargains at prices that can't be beat. Many items will be 50 percent off. Grab bags will be practically given away for 50 cents.

The shop is open every Tuesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. They will close at 2 p.m., Dec. 14 for the holidays, and reopen for the new year on Jan. 11. For more information, call 788-2566.

Toys for Tots

Many Peninsula area children would not receive Christmas gifts if it wasn't for Toys for Tots contributions. Donate new, unwrapped toys at any collection point on post through Dec. 13. For toy pickup or more information, call Phebe Morrow at 788-2729.

Volksmarch, 10k

Noncompetitive Volksmarches will be held on Dec. 10 and 11 in Williamsburg. Interested participants can begin the Dec. 10 march anytime between 3 to 6 p.m. to enable completion by 9 p.m. Volksmarchers can begin the Dec. 11 hike anytime between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. with a required finish time of 4 p.m.

The marches start at the Clarion Hotel, 500 Merrimac Trail (Route 143), and the course includes portions of Colonial Williamsburg, which is decorated for Christmas. Trails are primarily along city streets, and are suitable for strollers and wheelchairs.

Participants can walk for free or pay \$3 for AVA credit. Contact Annette Tollett at 766-3065 for more information.

ROCKS meeting

The Hampton Roads Chapter of ROCKS Inc. will hold its monthly general membership meeting Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., at the Hampton University, Army ROTC Department, Armstrong - Slater Hall.

The guest speaker for this meeting will be Col. Ulysses Brown, Chief of Strategies for JFCOM. A former garrison commander in Kuwait, Brown will share his experiences as a deployed com-

mander of an area support group.

Active, reserve and retired commissioned and warrant officers are welcome. Junior officers and senior ROTC cadets are encouraged to attend.

For more information contact Maj. Harriett Lee, at 836-3945.

ACAP meeting

An Army Career Alumni Program meeting will be held at Fort Monroe Tuesday from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in Bldg. 82, room 264. All prospective retirees, two years out, and separatees, one year out, can attend the meeting. Call 878-4955 to reserve a seat. ACAP meetings are held on post the first Tuesday of each month.

Adopt-a-Family program

Transitions Family Violence Services seeks participates for this year's holiday Adopt-A-Family Program for victims of family violence.

The program matches donors with clients in need of holiday cheer. Donors receive a "needs list," purchase items, and deliver unwrapped, new presents for their adopted families. For more information, or to sign up for the program, contact Linda Adolph at 687-7267 or 472-4202.

Museum cleanup project

The Virginia Living Museum needs volunteers for its Saturday cleanup project along the facility's boardwalk and nature areas that were affected by Hurricane Isabel.

The project will run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 534 J. Clyde Morris Blvd. For further details, contact Shandran Thornburgh at 595-1900 ext 228.

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Photo by Belinda Baker

Abdou Maty Sene partakes in his almost daily ritual of pouring over textbooks and references at the Post Library.

Quest for knowledge leads Army spouse to Post Library

BY BELINDA BAKER
CASEMATE STAFF WRITER

Education amounts to power, respect and most of all freedom for 41-year-old Abdou Maty Sene, who has become a regular fixture at the Fort Monroe library.

“You can choose your path in life with a good education,” the Senegal, Africa native said. “You can be free. Nobody can take your knowledge away. (And) money ... you may get it today and be bankrupt tomorrow but knowledge is forever.”

The spouse of an Army retiree, Sene is scheduled to receive his doctorate in urban education Tuesday during proceedings at Old Dominion University. He has used the library on post faithfully since his studies began, and even has a regular table where he continues to “set up shop” and toils over textbooks and his course dissertation.

The work is a comparison between first year

alternative certified teachers and first year traditionally licensed teachers based on students’ academic performance. A nearby school district was the site of his study.

Sene said, after visiting several libraries in the region, he decided to stick with Fort Monroe because it was the quietest of all. “If you want to seriously study, it is better to have a quiet place. There is everything you need here even down to a paper clip. All of the (resource material) is up-to-date, too.

“It is also convenient for me because my daughter, Olivia, goes to the daycare center (on post). I can drop her off at 8 a.m. and stay in the library until 5 or 6,” he added.

Unlimited computer access is another attractive feature of the post library, Sene said. Most of the local public

libraries he visited limit patrons to 30 minutes. Stopping in the middle of his work and restarting became nerve-wracking.

He called the post library his “second home” and commended the staff for their professionalism. Library personnel even merited an honorable mention in his dissertation among the acknowledgements.

“Whatever you need they are always willing to help. They are also very friendly. I had to thank them for helping me to reach my dream,” he said.

Sene first came to the United States in 1999 to visit relatives in New York. He had already completed his undergraduate studies, did internships in Europe and earned a master’s degree in child psychology. Family members in Hampton Roads convinced him to move here in 2000. He enrolled at ODU to take English and Graduate Requirements Examination (GRE) classes.

Sene said living in the U.S. has given him valuable cultural and academic knowledge. However, he and Audrey, his wife, along with their 3-year-old will move to Africa at some point.

“The United States is a great country of opportunities for everybody willing to achieve his or her goals,” he said. “People need to take advantage of (that), so they can make a big difference. For me it’s not about the money; it’s about giving back in ways that are more long lasting.

“My family asks me why I did not study computer science or something more lucrative. I chose urban education so that I can go back and help African countries develop their educational programs ... work with the government on getting grants and such. Even though I have American papers, I plan to go home and work there for at least for two years,” he said.

Sene is currently working with a program at Elizabeth City University that is dedicating \$200 million toward mathematics books for Africa. He is assisting with French translation of the books and providing the program with other helpful insight into his homeland.

“I’m from a big family with a lot of kids; so I had a mentor who raised me,” Sene said. “He always told me education is the only way out of poverty and the best way to be independent. When you are educated people respect you.”

“Whatever you need they are always willing to help. They are also very friendly. I had to thank them for helping me to reach my dream.”

Abdou Maty Sene
ODU Student

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Photo by Patricia Radcliffe

Todd Smith of Griffin Services walks decorative reindeer into position in Cannon Park Tuesday. Deer and giant gift boxes were brought in to adorn the park in preparation for last night’s Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony.

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Photo by Patricia Radcliffe

Col. Perry D. Allmendinger, garrison commander, receives a donation from William Wilson, commander of the local Military Order of the Purple Heart chapter Nov. 22 in Quarters 1. Monies from the Purple Heart organization are used to assist Soldiers during the holidays through the Army Community Service.

MP

Roll Call

October-November Incidents/Crime Statistics

The Fort Monroe Military Police responded to the following incidents from Oct. 26 - Nov. 23:	Medical emergencies - 5
Driving while license suspended/revoked- 1	Damage to private property - 1
Alarms - 4	Larceny of private property - 1
Traffic accidents - 4	DUI - 1
	Illegal parking - 22
	Speeding - 8
	Failure to stop - 2

Reminders from the Provost Marshal’s Office

Park in designated parking areas only. If you are parked in a spot reserved for someone else, you will be cited. Also, skateboarding or recreational activities is prohibited on the grounds of St. Mary’s Church. Anyone who observes this kind of activity should report it to the MP desk by calling 788-2238/2239.

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A haven for hobbies



Van Runals, left, a craft shop staff member, and Arlene Wallace, shop manager, chat while Runals weaves a holiday basket during a Nov. 18 class at the Fortress Frame and Craft Shop.



Above: An arts and crafts student completes detail on a ceramic Santa figurine. Right: Beth Layne, stained glass instructor, measures elements on a glass designed with a water lily motif during a Nov. 23 class. Stained glass classes are held every six weeks.



Fortress Frame and Craft Shop holds its annual open house Tuesday from noon to 7 p.m. It will feature holiday food and desserts, door prizes and discounts on selected merchandise.

BY BELINDA BAKER
CASEMATE STAFF WRITER

A slight smile crept across Roberta Haller's face as she brushed a final splash of red paint across her ceramic Santa figurine.

"That should work," she said as she carefully fitted the two pieces of her creation together and tested the figurine's suitability as a soon-to-be-treasured piece of Christmas décor.

Nearby arts and craft expert John Burns easily recognized the signs of another completed project, and moved about the room of busy crafters to view other ceramic "masterpieces."

Meanwhile, as is the case every Tuesday night at the Fortress Frame and Craft Shop, an eager group of stained glass-making students are honing their craft under the tutelage of instructor Beth Layne in the room's far rear.

"People are really surprised by the amount of work that goes into making stained glass," said Layne while demonstrating how to hand-cut glass. "But the outcome is well worth the effort because it's a beautiful art."

Those seeking to indulge their creative side in cheerful relaxed surroundings like the Tuesday regulars are always welcome at the on-post center, said manager Arlene Wallace.

Recently named "best craft shop for a small installation" by the Army, the center is an avenue to relieve stress. "There is a certain relaxation that comes from working with your hands... making something you can use, give as a gift or to just showcase your talent," Wallace said.

"Craft shops have been a part of MWR and on-post culture for as long as I can remember. As a family member, I learned ceramics at an Army craft shop while in Belgium. The Army recognizes that family members, Soldiers and even our civilian employees need an outlet like this. It's great for stress relief and overall enjoyment," she added.

Wallace said the craft shop is ideal for skilled artisans and beginners. Patrons can take advanced and beginners' ceramics classes Tuesdays from 4 to 7:30 p.m. or they can participate in monthly basket weaving classes. Layne's six-week stained glass course is also available and doll-making classes are offered periodically based on public demand, she added.

In addition to hands-on classes, the craft shop offers custom framing, engraving services, personalized coffee mugs and sells all of the materials needed for the crafts offered there. Patrons can buy an array of unframed prints, lithographs and posters.

Wallace said the shop also carries items that make great gifts such as ready-made 8x10 and 5x7 picture frames, solid wood flag cases and coin racks. Merchandise is reasonably priced, too.

"For a small facility, we have a lot to offer. We take a lot of pride in that and also in the fact that our turnaround time is quicker than you'll find anywhere else. We try to get (projects) back to our customers in the timeframe they want," said Wallace. "We certainly put our customers first. I have an excellent staff and some amazing dedicated volunteers."

Wallace said in addition to Burns and Layne, Van Runals is another talented staff member. The volunteer roster includes Estella Boyce, Joan Fox and Raymonde Yohn.

Located in the Community Activities Center, the craft shop is open weekdays and hours of operation vary. For more details, call 788-2728.

Photos by Belinda Baker



Photos by Patrick Buffett

Local school kids create crafts for deployed troops in Kuwait

Upon hearing the call for Christmas ornaments for Soldiers deployed to Kuwait, school students from Jane Bryan Elementary, pictured above, and Robert R. Moton Elementary, pictured right, pulled out their markers, glitter, string and scissors to fulfill the requirement. Boxes and bags of adorable tree ornaments and wreaths were accepted by Pvt. 2 Katherine Brown from post headquarters. Expressing her appreciation to the students, Brown said, "It's your thoughts and caring that the Soldiers will appreciate more than any ornament." Fort Monroe's Paul Heilman, director of the installation MWR office, is on temporary assignment to Kuwait and was the one who sent notification of the need for ornaments. The Soldiers he's serving received 50 evergreens for distribution among day rooms, dining facilities and other common areas.



Holiday activities continue with run, concert

A first-time "Holiday Celebration" concert featuring television's Matt Ashford and Broadway's Christina Saffron Ashford is among the spotlight activities still to come

as Fort Monroe celebrates the season of good tidings and cheer. All military members, DA civilians and their families and guests are invited to participate in the fol-

lowing events:

Holiday Decorating Contest — Dec. 9, for quarters and offices post-wide. Awards will be presented at the Jingle Bell Run on Dec. 10. To participate, call 788-2698 or email searless@monroe.army.mil by Dec. 7.

Jingle Bell Run/Walk — Dec. 14, 8 a.m., starting at Continental Park/gazebo and ending at the Bay Breeze Community Center. Fort Monroe-wide participation is encouraged. Sleighs are permitted in the fun run/walk. Festive dress is encouraged. Prizes will be awarded for the best sleigh representing the spirit of the season. For more information, call 788-2698.

Holiday Celebration Concerts — featuring soap opera star Matt Ashford and Broadway sensation Christina Saffron Ashford, singing along with music performed by The U.S. Continental Army Band. The concerts will be held at Norfolk's Harrison Opera House on Dec. 10, starting at 7 p.m., and at the Fort Monroe Theater Dec. 11 at 7 p.m.

Both programs will also feature the continental band's concert ensemble and it's special performance group "Crossfire," as well as an ensemble from the Old Domin-

ion University Concert Choir.

The concerts are free and open to the public. All tickets that guarantee seating have been handed out, however, TUSCAB officials encourage non-ticket holders to show up 15 minutes before showtime as all remaining seats will be filled at that time and they expect some ticket holders will not attend.

For more information, call 788-3620.

Holiday Lantern Tours — beginning Dec. 17 in the Casemate Museum, 20 Bernard Road, inside the moat. Learn how holiday customs have evolved at Old Point Comfort/Fort Monroe over the past 400 years, with emphasis on historical figures like Capt. John Smith, Edgar Allen Poe, Robert E. Lee and Jefferson Davis. There is no charge for the tours but reservations are required due to limited space. For more information, call 788-3391.

Letters to Santa — Hey kids! The Fort Monroe Fire Department has a direct line to Santa. Drop your letters to Santa Claus in the specially marked box in front of the Fire Department by Dec. 20, and they will go directly to the North Pole. Don't forget to put your name and return address on the letter.



Photo by Patricia Radcliffe

Fort Monroe firefighters Tim Scott and Gregory Land set up their department's "Letters to Santa" drop box Tuesday. The department reminds youngsters that the deadline for letters is Dec. 17.

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Need to advertise an upcoming event?
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Photos by Patrick Buffett

NCOs outlast officers 26-25; move series to 2-4

The golden glove of Sgt. Maj. Rod Berry, pictured left, saved the Fort Monroe Stripes from an almost certain loss to the Stars team during their latest matchup Nov. 24. Berry made a leaping catch in the final “do-or-die” inning, forcing the out and stranding the tying Stars runner at second. In the closest contest thus far of the six-game series the Stripes found themselves at a 10-3 deficit at the bottom of the second inning. The team rallied to a 14-12 lead at the top of the fourth, and a slug-fest ensued. As the score climbed into the mid-twenties, and game officials were about to call the contest due to darkness, Berry’s amazing grab brought the game to an abrupt halt. The Stripes win moves them to 2-4 in the series. Also pictured above (inset) is Col. Perry Allmendinger’s capture of second base after beating the throw to Sgt. Maj. Karen Dilullo in the second inning. Also above, Lt. Gen. John Curran zeroes in on a mid-game pitch.

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Photo by Patricia Radcliffe

Harriett Henderson, left, and Terry Vidaukki work out to music during the Fit for Life class at the Fitness Center Nov. 22.

Strengthening the body for everyday living is the goal of new class called

'Fit for Life'

BY BOBBIE HAWKINS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Fitness Center's newest exercise class - Fit for Life - targets seniors and persons with physical limitations. Exercises are performed while seated.

Fit for Life is a 30-minute gentle, group exercise class that focuses on improving fitness for performing everyday activities. Emphasis is placed on strength, balance, coordination and flexibility.

Students "march" to warm up and stretch, as in standing classes. Then they begin exercise routines.

Exercises incorporate resistance bands, dumbbells, exercise balls and other apparatus. As with other fitness classes, participants are encouraged to perform at their individual level.

Fit for Life meets Mondays and Wednesday s at 2 p.m. in the Fitness Center aerobics room.

Fort Monroe's 'Showtime' clobbers Langley team

On an unusually warm November evening, the Langley Flag Football Championship game was held at Langley Air Force Base, between Fort Monroe and Langley's Medical Group. The two teams met twice previously, once in the regular season and in the semi-final game of the playoffs, with Fort Monroe dominating both games. The championship game was no different as the Army team took a 13-0 led and never looked back.

The first half, however, was a defensive struggle which ended at halftime tied 0-0.

"At halftime, my guys wanted to get physical and run the ball right at the defense. I agreed and we proceeded to march 60 yards down the field on our first possession in the second half, without throwing one pass," said quarterback Thomas Scott, who also coaches the team.

Scott scored the team's first touchdown behind a very physical offensive line from three yards out on a QB sneak.

On Medical Group's first possession of the second half, Showtime's defense, led by veterans Staff Sgt. Shawn Murray, Staff Sgt. Michael Brock and Spc. Eric Hill, put a choke hold on their offense and forced them to punt the ball.

With Medical already concerned about Monroe's running game, they were set up for play action run-passes, and the team's offense executed them well - putting the team up by two touchdowns on a 15-yard pass to wide receiver Carson Brown completing a 45-yard drive.

"Medical Group had a lot of fan support and was very vocal on the sidelines, only to be given a 'muzzle' by our superior squad in the second half. Since we had minimum support for our

team, my guys fed off the opposing team's fans as motivation to play even harder," Scott said.

The following players contributed to the team's 20-0 season, Maj. Joel Gentry, Sgt. 1st Class Alex Vega, Staff Sgt. Shawn Murray, Staff Sgt. William Fernandez, Staff Sgt. Michael Brock, Staff Sgt. James Dix, Sgt. Terrence Bobbs, Sgt. Gary Coles, Spc. Eric Hill, Spc. Samuel DeVincent, C.J. Smart and Carson Brown.

"On behalf of my team, I would like to extend a sincere thanks to John Tutson (sports director), Donna Loud (MWR), Tanya Showers (fleet manager) and the rest of the MWR staff for their support of our team this year, as we conclude our 2004 season, January 13-16 at the USFTL National Championships in Orlando, Florida," Scott said.



Photo by Patrick Buffett

Runners present 10-miler award to post headquarters

Fort Monroe team participants of the 2004 Army 10-miler pose with Col. Perry D. Allmendinger, garrison commander, after the runners handed over their competition awards for display in the post headquarters. The team placed second in both the "civilian masters mixed" and "military masters mixed" categories. Pictured from left to right are: Col. Jody Draves, Capt. Eric Hansen, Lt. Col. Mark Carper, Capt. John Griese, Allmendinger, Lt. Col. Paul Cal, John DiCarlo, Maj. Tony Campbell, Lt. Col. J. Matt Lissner, Dale Abrahamson, and Dennis Manske. Members of the post team were also among the top finishers during the York Battlefield Run in early November. Manske also completed the 50-mile John F. Kennedy run in Maryland.

MoatNotes

UPCOMING SPOTLIGHT EVENTS

Craft Shop Open House Dec. 7 Final 2004 Sunday Brunch . . . Dec. 12
Post Run Dec. 7 Jingle Bell Run Dec. 14
TUSCAB Holiday Concert . . . Dec. 11 Clean Sweep Walk Dec. 21

For more on these and other upcoming events, see calendar below or other stories and briefs in this issue.



Dec. 3

'Fuddy Meers'

The Thomas Nelson Players' fall production of "Fuddy Meers" continues today and tomorrow at Dr. Mary T. Christian Auditorium on the Hampton campus of Thomas Nelson Community College. Tonight's performance begins at 8, and Saturday's show starts at 3 p.m.

The play is suitable for an adult audience only. Tickets are \$8 and will be available at the door. For more information, call 825-2752.

Library book sale

The West Avenue branch of the Newport News Public Library continues its weekend book sale today and Saturday, with a wide assortment of fiction, non-fiction and "how-to" material available for purchase.

Sale hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, to include directions, call 247-8875.

Dec. 4

Holly Days

Experience the joy and warmth of the holiday season during the 16th Annual Hampton Holly Days Lighted Boat Parade Saturday beginning at 7 p.m.

Join dedicated seafarers on the downtown Hampton waterfront as they share the holiday spirit by adorning their vessels with lights and ornaments and participating in this much anticipated nautical parade.

Earlier in the day, Hampton Holly Days 2004 kicks off with a breakfast with Santa at the Virginia Air & Space Museum. Tickets for the event can be obtained by calling 727-0900, ext. 782.

Visitors can also round out the day with a train ride on the downtown express, which will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the vicinity of Carousel Park. While in that area, families may also want to check out the new Polar Express 3D IMAX film, also at the Air & Space Museum.

The celebration continues Dec. 11 with similar events, plus the Hampton Holly Days Parade that kicks off at 6:30 p.m., at Darling Stadium. For more information about the festivities, call 727-1271.

'Twas the Night

The American Theatre, Phoebus, presents its rendition of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" Saturday at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

More than mice will be stirring

Reindeer Games



Photo by Patricia Radcliffe

Marcus Tatum, 12, makes a candy cane reindeer Nov. 22 to be included with other ornaments being sent to troops in Kuwait the following day. About a dozen Youth Services kids participated in the project.

during this family show, which takes an entertaining departure from the classical holiday poem. Bruce Miller's version of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" is described as a "beautiful expression of a father's love and a delightful exploration of the mysteries and magic associated with Christmas."

All seats for the show are \$6. For more information, or to reserve tickets, call 722-2787.

Carols and crafts

Local choirs will perform old-fashioned Christmas carols, seasonal refreshments will be served, and guests can shop for holiday craft items during the Newsome House Museum and Cultural Center's "Sing Noel" program Saturday from 4 to 6 p.m.

This event is free and open to the public; however, a \$2 donation to the Newsome House program is suggested. A portion of the proceeds from the holiday craft sale will go to the Huntington High School Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.

Newsome House is located at the corner of 28th Street and Oak Avenue, Newport News. For further information, call 247-2360.

History club

Endview Plantation, Newport News, is hosting a kids craft project that will not only spice up your Christmas Tree but also teach participants a little bit about holiday customs around the world.

The History Club for Kids program presents a Victorian Christmas ornament workshop Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. The program is open to children ages 8 to 12. The cost is \$10 and reservations are required.

Endview Plantation is located just off I-64 Exit 247. For more information, call 887-1862.

'Lost in Yonkers'

The Peninsula Community Theater presents their rendition of the Pulitzer Prize winning play "Lost in Yonkers," Saturday and Sunday at 10251 Warwick Boulevard, Newport News.

Saturday's performance begins at 8 p.m., and Sunday's show starts at 2:30 p.m.

All seats are \$12. Additional performances are scheduled for Dec. 10 through 12 and 17 through 19. For further information, or to reserve tickets, call 595-5728.

Flea market

The Olde Towne Portsmouth Flea Market meets Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Middle Street Garage and along London and Middle Streets.

The event is described as the "holiday shopper's paradise" with a tremendously diversified range of merchandise appealing to young and old. For more information, call 393-1622.

Dec. 5

Turtle quartet

The famed Turtle Island String Quartet offers a joyous voyage through holiday music around the world during a special matinee performance at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, at the American Theatre, Phoebus.

From the songs of Chanukah to the old English carols and Scottish reels of the 16th century, the Turtle Island Quartet explores the timeless music that has been an integral part of winter holiday celebrations throughout history.

Ticket prices for the show start at \$25. Discounts are available for seniors, students and military personnel. For more information, or to reserve seats, call 722-2787.

Dec. 7

Pearl Harbor event

The Virginia War Museum will host its annual Pearl Harbor Day wreath-laying ceremony Tuesday, beginning at 4 p.m., at the Pearl Harbor Survivor's Association Monument, Newport News.

This event is free and open to the public.

The Pearl Harbor monument features the names of 55 men from the Virginia Peninsula, both living and dead, who took part in the events of that fateful day.

At The Movies

Showing at the Fort Eustis Theater

Friday, Dec. 3

7 p.m. — The Grudge (PG-13)

Saturday, Dec. 4

7 p.m. — I Heart Huckabees (R)

Friday, Dec. 10

7 p.m. — Ray (PG-13)

Saturday, Dec. 11

7 p.m. — Alfie (R)

*The Langley Air Force Base movie theater is closed for renovations.

Adults \$2, children 6-12 years old \$1.50 and children under 6 are free. If a child under 6 occupies a seat at a G-rated movie, admission is \$1.50. Special movie showings are available. Contact John Low at LowJ@aafes.com or 766-1237 for details.

ACS Corner

AFTB will hold its 10th Birthday Open House on Dec. 16. The time is to be determined. Join the celebration and come see what's new!

Single Parent Support Group

The Soldier and Family Support Center is starting a Single Parent Support Group. The first meeting will be on Jan. 4, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Soldier and Family Support Center, Quarters 1.

Call 788-3878 to register for this group.

EFMP Support Group

The Soldier and Family Support center will be starting an Exceptional Family Member Support Group for those families who have EFMs.

If you are interested in joining, call 788-3878.

Toddler Time play morning

The Soldier and Family Support Center sponsors a Toddler Time playgroup that meets on Mondays (except on holidays) from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the gym of the Community Activities Center. All children under the age of six are welcome. Tents, tunnels, balls, pull toys and other fun things are available for the children to use.

On the first Monday of each month, they also sponsor a playgroup at the indoor pool from 10 to 11 a.m. Bring your bathing suits (and swim diapers for those who are not completely potty trained). A lifeguard will be on duty; however, parents are still responsible for

their children in the pool.

Toddler Time is designed to help children develop their social skills by providing unstructured playtime. It can lead to new friendships for the participating kids and their parents. The program gives moms and dads the chance to meet other parents and share experiences, swap stories and ask for advice about parenting issues.

Toddler Time is open to active duty service members, family members, DA Civilians, and retirees. To register or obtain additional information, contact Kathleen Miller at 788-3878.

(Note: For the holidays, Toddler Time will not meet on Dec. 20 and 27 and Jan. 3.)

Anger Management Classes

ACS sponsors on-going Anger Management Classes. These classes are held at ACS, Quarters 1, and run continuously on Mondays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Call Allen Reed at 314-7910 or Kathleen Miller at 788-3878 to register. All persons are required to attend eight sessions to receive a letter of completion.

Monthly Newcomers Briefing

ACS offers a Newcomers Briefing the second Thursday of every month. A short overview of the services available on post and in the surrounding community is discussed. Briefings are

also given by the post commander, post command sergeant major, school liaison officer, post chaplain, and EEO representative. A short tour of the Casemate Museum is also given.

Due to the holiday season, our next Newcomers Orientation will be held on Jan. 13 from 8:30 to 11 a.m., at Quarters 1.

Call Marie Hinton at 788-4344 or Kathleen Miller at 788-3878 to register.

Army Family Team Building

Army Family Team Building classes are held each Wednesday at the Soldier and Family Support Center, Quarters 1, from noon to 1 p.m. Classes are free and open to everyone. Class supplies are provided so bring your sack lunch and join us.

Call 788-3878 to register. Remaining classes in December are as follows:

Dec. 8 - Building Self-Esteem — Students learn how to empower themselves and gain a higher self worth. Students will also learn how to take care of themselves first so they can help others.

Dec. 15 - Building a Cohesive Team — Students will learn how to build cohesive teams by capitalizing on the uniqueness of each member. Exercises in class demonstrate the methods used to encourage members to work together.

Dec. 9

Santa's Attic

Toys, jewelry, holiday crafts and tasty homemade baked treats are among the offerings of the annual Santa's Attic Arts and Crafts Show Dec. 9 and 10, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., in the lobby of Hampton City Hall, 22 Lincoln Street.

Whether you're still shopping for that perfect holiday gift or picking up a little something for yourself, you won't want to miss this wonderful seasonal show sponsored by the Hampton Parks and Recreation Department. Santa's Attic features the talents of numerous local crafters. Admission is free with food available for purchase.

Donations of cash or non-perishable items for the Peninsula Food Bank will also be accepted at the event. For more information, call 727-6784.

Free movies

The Williamsburg Regional Library Theatre continues its holiday film festival Dec. 9, with a special showing of the classic 1951 version of "A Christmas Carol." Admission is free and reservations are not required.

The theatre series will continue through December. All shows begin at 2 p.m. Upcoming movies include: "A Christmas Story," Dec. 16; "The Santa Clause," Dec. 20; "Gremlins," Dec. 21; "Elf," Dec. 22; "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation," Dec. 23; and "Holiday Inn," Dec. 30.

The theatre is located at 515 Scotland Street, near Merchant's

Square, Colonial Williamsburg. For more information, call 259-4050.

Dec. 11

Music festival

The City of Portsmouth presents its 7th Annual Olde Towne Holiday Music Festival Dec. 11 from noon to 7 p.m.

From lighted boats along the waterfront at High Street Landing to the quaint antique shops and art galleries seven blocks away, guests will find harpists, jazz trios, brass quartets, choirs, bagpipes and more.

During the festival, bonfires on every street corner along High Street will light the way, while sidewalk vendors peddle hot drinks, popcorn, cotton candy, hot dogs and other tasty treats. The streets will also be filled with strolling characters, to include Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. The free event will conclude with fireworks over the Elizabeth River.

For more information, call 393-5111.

Yule celebration

The Hampton History Museum invites its friends and neighbors to "gather 'round the yule log" Dec. 11 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., at 120 Old Hampton Lane.

Following a holiday tradition that dates back to 17th century Europe, guests will gather around a bonfire for an evening of songs and storytelling. Everyone is invited to join the procession as the yule log is carried to the bonfire and set

afire. Participants can also throw away their cares and troubles of the past year by tossing a holly sprig into the flames.

This event is free and open to the public. There will be a small fee for holly sprigs and refreshments if desired. For more information, call 727-1610.

USO Holiday Show

Santa Claus will join a cast of clowns and Nickelodeon characters for a visit during the annual USO Holiday Show from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Dec. 11, at Rockwell Hall, Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek.

Part of an annual USO tradition, the holiday show promises festive food, fun and entertainment for service members and families of all ages. Admission is free. For more information, call 788-4984.

Children's Shoppe

The Children's Christmas Shoppe will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Dec. 11, at Trinity Episcopal Church, Portsmouth.

This is a place where only children, ages 3 to 12, are allowed to shop for holiday gifts. All presents are one price, which include gift-wrapping. The church is located at 500 Court Street. For more information, call 393-0431.

Dec. 12

Trolley tours

Enjoy a narrated tour of Olde Towne Portsmouth on the historic

Holiday Trolley Tour, which kicks off Dec. 12 and runs weekends through Jan. 2 starting at the North Ferry Landing, near the visitor information center.

The weekend tours run from 3 to 5 p.m., and include stops at the historic Trinity Episcopal Church and Hill House. Along the way, passengers can gaze at the holiday decorations and hear about the history of Olde Towne.

Admission for the tour is \$12 for adults and \$10.50 for seniors and children under 12. Advance reservations are required. For more information, or to reserve seats, call 393-5111.

Dec. 19

'Sounds of the Season'

Classical guitarist Robin Welch presents "The Sounds of the Season" during a special performance Dec. 19 at Sandy Bottom Nature Park, Newport News. The free performance is scheduled from 7 to 8 p.m. in the nature center conference room.

Welch has been performing at local gatherings for more than 20 years. She is a regularly featured artist at The Jewish Mother, a popular Virginia Beach restaurant. Her upcoming performance will feature many holiday favorites that the whole family will enjoy.

Seating is limited to 100 people. For reservations, call 825-4657.

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Courtesy photo

Col. Thomas Falckenberg, left, of the NATO Headquarters Allied Command Transformation in Norfolk, and Col. Josef E. Schuler, Fort Monroe's German Senior Liaison Officer to TRADOC, paid their respects to fallen German soldiers buried at the Hampton National Cemetery during a Nov. 14 ceremony.

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Army science conference speaker forecasts computers will go by 2010

BY STEVEN FIELD
ARMY NEWS SERVICE

ORLANDO, Fla. (Nov. 30) – By 2010, computers will be replaced by electronics so tiny they can be embedded in clothing or eyeglasses and broadcast on the human retina, a noted inventor predicted Nov. 29 at the Army Science Conference here.

Dr. Ray Kurzweil, creator of the first synthesizer, inventor of the first commercially marketed large-vocabulary speech recognition machine and winner of the \$500,000 Lemelson-MIT Prize for invention and innovation, also fore-saw the introduction of realistic 3-D holographic projection and machines that instantly translate the spoken word from one language to another.

His presentation capped off the first day of the 24th Army-spon-sored biennial conference, spon-sored by the United States Army, to explore how transformational sci-ence is transforming our world and the Soldier fighting force.

Senior Army leaders, industry experts and noted academia joined together here to build collaborative relationships and develop the tech-nologies and capabilities that will be the hallmark of the future force.

“Technological advance has incredible potential to improve the warfighting effort,” Kurzweil said. “New virtual technologies will reduce – and in many ways, are already reducing – the time it takes to develop new combat systems.”

Miniaturization, or the process of condensing more powerful technolo-gies into smaller packages, will help the Army create more and bet-ter unmanned machines that remove Soldiers from dangerous combat situations. Some fighting will be done by remote control, Kurzweil said.

“Today we have smart bombs, but tomorrow we may have smart bullets,” he added.

Human knowledge of informa-tion technology, computer technolo-gy and health science is doubling annually, Kurzweil said. In nearly every area, we are experiencing

exponential growth in knowledge.

“This knowledge does not only have military applications; its pos-sibilities across the spectrum of human existence are astounding,” he said.

Kurzweil offered the example of genetics. It took 15 years to sequence the HIV virus, the cause of AIDS, but it took only 31 days to sequence the SARS virus. This knowledge allows scientists to explore gene suppression, a possi-ble key to unlocking a cure for dozens of diseases, he said.

“There are new drugs... kind of like smart weapons, that zero in on specific targets with no side effects,” Kurzweil said.

Another example is the develop-ment of instantaneous language translation devices, which Kurzweil predicted will be common on cellu-lar telephones by the end of the decade.

“Within a few years, we will be able to talk to anyone, regardless of language,” he said.

Because of the importance of technology, the threat to the mili-tary and economic dominance of the United States lies in the decline of Americans pursuing careers in fields such as engineering and nat-ural science.

Kurzweil noted that more and more students in China and other Asian nations are pursuing advanced education in science-related fields. In America, these trends are reversed.

Kurzweil admitted while tech-nology will solve many problems we face today, a utopia is not on the horizon. He concedes this develop-ment will unlock new problems we do not fully understand today.

The Army Science Conference began Monday and runs through Thursday.

Commissioned by Claude M. Bolton, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, the conference has two focuses: to discuss the current state of technology and how it is being used to support the Global War on Terror; and to forecast how emerging technologies will be har-nessed in the future.



Members of The U.S. Continental Army Band, under the direc-tion of Maj. Andrew Esch, pictured right, perform at the Nation-al Capitol Holiday Tree visit to Hampton in November.